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Polio Series Resumes Tomorrow

Second Shots Due Tomorrow

Starting tomorrow, the second series of polio shots will be given to children in Torrance schools who did not receive them last spring, county health department authorities said Friday.

Second and third graders at North Torrance and Crenshaw Elementary Schools are scheduled to get the second shots tomorrow, while youngsters at Steele, Carr, and St. Catherine Labouré Schools will get them Wednesday.

Notes from parents will be required for all children getting shots, authorities said. Very few cancellations were received, they reported, although some parents have had their children vaccinated by private physicians.

Special clinics will be set up for children who missed shots at schools where the second round of vaccinations was given last spring, officials said. Riviera children will get their shots at Newton School on Nov. 8, while children from Seaside and South Bay Christian School will get shots later, with the time yet to be determined.

The complete schedule of shots for local schools is as follows:

- Nov. 1—North Torrance and Crenshaw Schools.
- Nov. 2—St. Catherine Labouré, Steele, and Carr Schools.
- Nov. 3—Meadow Park and Madonna Schools.
- Nov. 8—Newton, Walteria, and Marymount Schools.
- Nov. 9—Torrance Elementary and Wood Schools.
- Nov. 10—Fern-Greenwood and Nativity Schools.
- Nov. 15—250th Pl., St. Margaret Mary's, and Lomita Schools.
- Nov. 16—232nd Pl. School.
- Dec. 1—Hillside School.
- Dec. 2—Perry and El Nido Schools.

King Dinner Scheduled

A homecoming dinner to honor Congressman Cecil King has been scheduled for the Torrance Civic Auditorium at 8 p.m. Nov. 12, it was announced here by Thurvin Fleetwood, president of Torrance Democrats, Inc.

Reservations for the dinner are now being made, Fleetwood said.

Democratic Congressmen and state officials will be present at the dinner. Included in those expected to attend are Congressmen James Roosevelt, Chet Hofffield, and Clyde Doyle.

Festivities will begin with a cocktail party here prior to the dinner, sponsors say.

King is the only scheduled speaker.

Perry PTA Eyes Double Session Problems Here

About 150 parents of Perry School children took a look at the double session problem in the Torrance area, Thursday night at their PTA meeting, with a few heated exchanges between those in attendance.

A panel of parents and educators discussed the growth problem in Torrance. Later in the meeting, the PTA debated the merits of a resolution praising Gov. Goodwin Knight and Mrs. Rollin Brown, president of the National Conference of Parents and Teachers in their work to end double sessions. Presented by Sam Freedman, chairman of the North Torrance Fathers' Council, it was finally tabled for committee action.

Treasurer Resigns
The meeting also featured a heated exchange between Mrs. Roy Donner, PTA president, and C. B. Weaver, treasurer. He resigned after the meeting.

Appearing on the panel, discussing the problems of school growth, were S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of schools; Mrs. Grace Wright, school board member; John Webster Strom, Perry principal; Everett Carlstrom, and Mrs. Don Bush, parents.

Mrs. W. A. Wright, Torrance Council PTA president, was moderator.

Waldrip said school officials recognized that not enough had been done in the way of classroom building, but that time and money are the main handicaps in pushing a program.

Mrs. Wright cited the tremendous growth of the Torrance school system since it was separated from Los Angeles in 1947.

177 New Classrooms
Principal Strom said that in the past two years, 177 classrooms have been built in the Torrance Unified School District, an average of one new school every 90 days. Laid end to end, they would reach from Crenshaw to Hawthorne Ave., he said.

Carlstrom declared that since he came to Torrance more than five years ago, the growth, both in homes and schools, has been amazing.

During the meeting, some parents, angered by the return of fourth graders to double sessions, (Continued on Page 9)



THS BEAUTIES . . . Fourteen candidates are competing for THS Homecoming Queen, who will be crowned at the Nov. 10 Torrance-Redondo High School game. Shown here (first row) Alex Hovela, Marilyn Sanders, Karen Hester, Bev Oaks, (second row) Audrey Stevens, Diane Berry, Helen Roberts, Linda Thistle, Yvick Hagan, (third row) Linda Halberg, Judy Cook, Pat Whigard, Sue De Nevers, and Toni Forella.

Public Inspects Central Station At Dedication

Torrance and neighboring city officials and visiting firemen from the four corners of the County gathered here Friday afternoon for the formal dedication of the Torrance Central Fire Station at Carson St. and Crenshaw.

Attorney Boris S. Woolley, former city prosecutor, served as emcee for the hour long dedication as Municipal Judge John A. Shidler, Mayor Albert Isen, Councilman Nickolas O. Draie, and City Manager George Stevens took turns at the microphone to trace the history of the city's fire fighting forces from a three-man volunteer crew to the present modern fire fighting organization.

Chief J. J. Benner accepted the station during the ceremonies attended by nearly 100 persons. He was interrupted during his talk when the fire bell rang and one company roared away to a grass fire.

Also on hand for the ceremonies were Architect Marion C. Varner, designer of the building, and Elmer S. Payne, contractor who erected the structure. Payne who introduced Varner, presented keys to the station to Mayor Isen.

Among those introduced at the meeting was Ben Hannebrink, 1819 Andreo, one of the city's first volunteer firemen.

Public open house was observed Saturday and yesterday.

New Rebekah Unit Formed In Torrance

More than 1000 persons turned out for installation of a new Torrance Rebekah Lodge Saturday at the Torrance Masonic Temple.

Dignitaries from state and surrounding chapters were present for the ceremonies, which marked the first time the Rebekahs have had a chapter here.



THE KEYS TO THE STATION . . . Mayor Albert Isen (right), receives the keys to the new Torrance Fire Station from R. Elmer Payne, contractor for the new civic building. The building was formally dedicated Friday, with Judge John Shidler, ex-Mayor Nickolas O. Draie, Fire Chief J. J. Benner, and Isen speaking at the ceremonies.

Chest Appeals For Northwest Area Helpers

An urgent appeal for Community Chest Volunteers in the Steele Elementary School area to aid in the Chest's residential campaign starting Nov. 2, was made today by Mrs. Betty Rowell, Torrance residential chairman.

There are 200 new homes in the neighborhood around 100th and Hawthorne Blvd., she said, "and we have had difficulty enrolling enough volunteers in this area. If we are to raise our goal in Torrance of \$18,510, every resident must be contacted and given an opportunity to contribute."

She pointed out that to be a Red Feather volunteer takes only a small amount of time, with many residential workers completing their solicitations in a single day.

Mrs. Rowell asked that women who would like to be Red Feather volunteers call campaign headquarters at TE 2-0331 immediately.

Bride, 15, Fond Of 'Nice Things'

More than \$1000 in stolen goods was found in the trailer home of a young Torrance couple Friday night, after a Palos Verdes man captured a 15-year-old bride "who likes pretty things."

Erma Yvonne Formby, 15, of 1816 Figueroa St., was captured in the home of Joseph Sheline, of Palos Verdes, after the Shelines were awakened by noises in their home. Shortly afterward, sheriff's deputies captured her husband of a month, Travis Lee Formby, 19, at the couple's trailer home.

Admit Burglaries
The couple admitted that they had committed at least two other burglaries in the past few days—at a Redondo beach-to-swim school and the home of Robert L. Ray, of 1946 W. 262nd St., Lomita.

The burglary at the Ray home, committed the same night, netted the Formbys a wedding and engagement ring, jewelry, a wrist watch, and some clothing, deputies said.

Found in their trailer home was more than \$1000 in miscellaneous goods of all kinds—skirts, dresses, slips, shirts, pants, jewelry, watches, several wedding and engagement rings, 77 pairs of sun glasses, and a medal engraved "Pacific Association A. A. Championship."

Two more guns also were found there.

Heard Shots
Sheline said he found Mrs. Formby in a front room of his home, holding a .22 caliber in her hand. He said he then heard three shots and saw a fleeing figure at the front of his home.

He took the gun away from Mrs. Formby and found it was unloaded. She said she had gotten the gun from her husband, but had thrown the ammunition away because she was afraid to use it.

A younger brother of Mrs. Formby was shot last year in an accident involving a pistol.

After questioning by deputies, Mrs. Formby told sheriff's deputies where they could find her husband and he was picked up a few minutes later. He told officers that he had just called the deputies to report that his wife was missing.

Charges Considered
Deputies were still pondering charges against the pair, although Mrs. Formby may be handled in juvenile court, since she is under 18.

"It's all my fault," Mrs. Formby said. "I just love pretty things. My husband was not working much of the time and couldn't afford to buy them for me."

Formby said he was a laborer.

The couple were married Sept. 21, in Tijuana, Mexico. Neither has been in any trouble with the law previously.

6 Youths Face Charges After Attack in PV

Nine charges were filed against Eugene R. Hedlund, 19-year-old leader of a gang of teenagers who allegedly attacked a 14-year-old Westchester girl last week, in South Bay Municipal Court, while the other five juveniles were being handled in juvenile court.

Hedlund was placed under \$20,000 bail, with a date for hearing unset as yet. He was charged with four counts of robbery, grand theft of an auto, child molestation, sex perversion, kidnapping, and rape. He is a former patient at Norwalk State Hospital.

The other five youths were turned over to juvenile authorities and will probably be charged with sex perversion, authorities indicated. Two of them are former wards of the juvenile court, although they are not now on probation.

The five juveniles will have a hearing in Long Beach Juvenile Court, Department "F," on Nov. 8.

The six boys were picked up in the Palos Verdes area last Tuesday, after Palos Verdes policemen came upon the group and the 14-year-old girl, who said she had been dragged from a car and attacked by the boys.

Masked Nude Back Again

Lomita's "masked nude" made another appearance in the area Thursday night, as he called on Mrs. Mary Baron, of 25026 Narbonne Ave.

She answered a knock on her kitchen door to find the boy, completely naked except for a paper sack over his head, standing on her porch. He stood there for a minute, turned and left, she said.

Sheriff's deputies have been seeking the "masked nude" since last April, when he made his first appearance. Deputies said he appears at intervals, usually at the homes of older women, and always about 10 p.m. Curfew restrictions in the Lomita area has stiffened as a result.

Rabies Shots Scheduled

Rabies shots will be given to all dogs whose owners bring them to Torrance Park between 7 and 9 p.m. this Wednesday night, Dr. Rollin Smith said Friday. The shots will cost \$2, and all dogs must be on leashes.



PHIL DANTICO
Heads Western Division

Dantico to Head Model Finance Coast Division

Expansion of Model Finance Co. in California and the appointment of Phil Dantico, manager of the Torrance office since its opening a year ago, as Western Division manager for the company has been announced by J. D. Whitsitt, president of Model Finance.

Added to the Torrance and San Diego offices of Model Finance is the former Long Beach firm of P. E. Johannes, 1743 American Ave. The new Long Beach office brings the firm's total offices to eight. President Whitsitt said.

"We have been most pleased with the acceptance of our Torrance office," Whitsitt said. "We are specialists in consumer finance loans, and the addition of a Long Beach office will enable us to serve our expanding list of California friends more efficiently."

Dantico, who opened the Torrance office last year after the firm purchased Whitney Finance, will make his Western Division headquarters in Torrance for the present, he said. His office is at 1620 Cravens Ave.

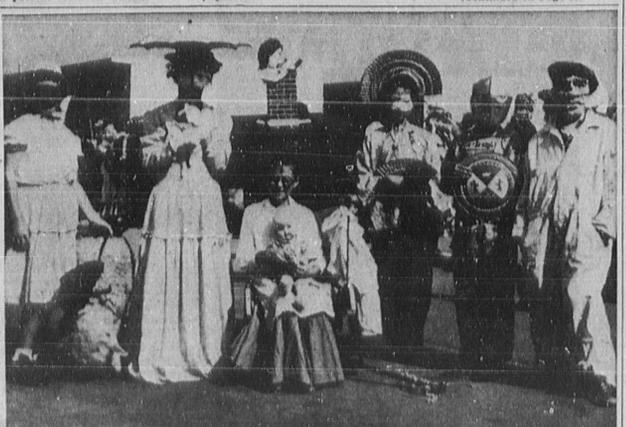
Man Nabbed For Forgery

A two-year manhunt ended Friday when Los Angeles County Sheriff deputies handed over Cody H. Stark to Torrance Police Detectives.

Stark, who has been wanted by local police since he allegedly went on a bad check passing spree in July, 1953 here, listed Anaheim as his last residence when nabbed.

He will face preliminary hearing tomorrow in South Bay Municipal Court on three counts of issuing checks without sufficient funds and one count of forgery.

Police here said that Stark is an ex-convict, having served a prison term in Texas.

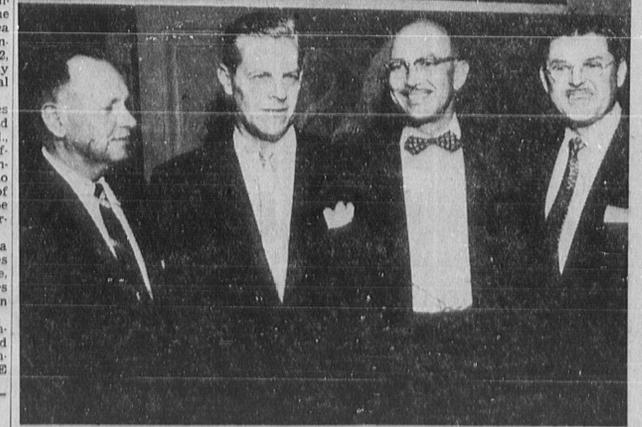


HALLOWEEN IS HERE . . . Children at Halldale School dressed up in all kinds of unusual garb Friday as the school held its annual Halloween Carnival. Shown here are Donna Gersdorf, as Little Bo Peep with her sheep; Bill Penn, as an old-fashioned lady; Linda Deuschle, the little old lady who live in a shoe; Bonny Black, an oriental lady; Jimmy Henderson, a silver knight, and Stephen Tidland, a garbage man.

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Torrance High School Tartars won their first game of the season Friday night, defeating Leuzinger High School in a Bay League contest. Details on page 4.

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ATTORNEYS INSTALL . . . Torrance Mayor Albert Isen (second from right) was installed president of the South Bay Bar Assn. at a dinner meeting in Palos Verdes Friday evening. Shown here with the new president are (left to right) Judge Joe Raycraft of Long Beach Superior Court; Attorney Walt Anderson, outgoing president; Isen, and Judge Eugene Fay of the Inglewood Superior Court. Judge Fay served as installing officer, while Judge Raycraft gave the principal address.